

## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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For: VACUUM PROCESSING )  
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Art Unit: 1792 )  
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Examiner: Lund, Jeffrie Robert )

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

**TRANSMITTAL**

Dear Sir:

Transmitted herewith is a communication regarding the above-identified Application.

- (X) Notice of Appeal.
- (X) Pre-Appeal Brief Request for Review.
- (X) Pre-Appeal Brief Request for Review Form PTO/SB/33.
- (X) Please charge the Deposit Account of record.

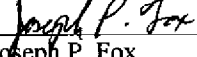
(X) If a Petition under 37 C.F.R. 1.136(a) for an extension of time for response is required to make the attached response timely and does not separately accompany this transmittal, Applicant(s) hereby petition(s) under 37 C.F.R. 1.136(a) for an extension of time for response in the above-identified application for the period required to make the attached response timely.

(X) The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required to this application under 37 C.F.R. 1.16-1.17, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 07-2069.

Respectfully submitted,

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